

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 348
By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor the heroic life and legacy of the late Sir Winston Spencer Churchill.

WHEREAS, The Right Honorable Sir Winston Spencer Churchill, K.G., twice prime minister of the United Kingdom, was by Act of the General Assembly an Honorary Citizen of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sir Winston Churchill was indomitable in time of war, calling forth from the British people the courage and determination necessary to achieve victory; and

WHEREAS, Sir Winston was also a dedicated champion of freedom and liberty in time of peace; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 1946, at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, in a speech entitled "The Sinews of Peace," Sir Winston Churchill sounded the alarm heard round the world:

From Stettin in the Baltic to Trieste in the Adriatic, an iron curtain has descended across the Continent. Behind that line lie all the capitals of the ancient states of Central and Eastern Europe. Warsaw, Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Belgrade, Bucharest and Sofia, all these famous cities and the populations around them lie in what I must call the Soviet sphere, and all are subject in one form or another, not only to Soviet influence but to a very high and, in many cases, increasing power from Moscow; and

WHEREAS, in prophesying the coming of the “Cold War,” Sir Winston expressed his hope that, by working together, the United States and Great Britain would ultimately achieve a lasting peace for all nations; and

WHEREAS, fifty years later, the iron curtain has ascended and the ancient states of Central and Eastern Europe are free; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby designate the day of Tuesday, March 5, 1996, as “Sir Winston Spencer Churchill Remembrance Day” and pause during our deliberations to reflect on the heroic life and legacy of Sir Winston Spencer Churchill.

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